

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A heat insulation window comprising:

(a) a pair of outer panes defining an air space therebetween;

(b) a spacing member disposed between the outer panes which maintain the panes in a spaced-apart relationship, the spacing member **comprises a central spacer and opposing lateral members, wherein the central spacer engages and separates the opposing lateral members and at least one lateral member comprises means for retaining an interior film,** ~~having a first and second outer surfaces which are opposed and parallel, and a third~~ **wherein the spacing member further comprises an** outer surface extending between the first and second outer surfaces **lateral members;**

(c) wherein **each lateral member** ~~the spacing member defines a first sealing groove at the junction between the first and third outer surfaces and a second sealing groove at the junction between the second and third outer surfaces;~~

(d) a ~~first~~ gas-tight seal element contained within **each** ~~the first sealing grooves and a second gas tight seal element contained within the second sealing groove, separate from the first seal element sealing groove; and~~

(e) a metal band parallel to and overlaying the ~~third~~ outer surface, wherein the band comprises edge flanges which fit into the ~~first and second~~ sealing grooves, thereby isolating the **central spacer** ~~third outer surface from the seal element, and separating the first and second seal elements.~~

2. (Original) The window of Claim 1 wherein the seal element comprises a butyl adhesive and the metal band comprises a stainless steel foil.

3. (Cancelled).